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SECURITY AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many railway stations are unsafe in the country especially in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the railway stations where security system are proposed to be upgraded;

(c) the other steps taken or proposed to be taken to provide adequate security at the railway stations; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THR STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) No, Sir. However, some of the stations are highly sensitive and vulnerable from security point of view including Delhi Main, New Delhi, and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Stations in Delhi.

(b) 185 Railway Stations including 17 metro stations over Indian Railways have been identified as vulnerable and where security system are proposed to be upgraded.

(c) The following steps are being taken to provide adequate security at all the important railway stations:-

1. Modern security gadgets like- Close Circuit Televisions and Cameras, Deep Search Metal Detectors, Scanner Machines, etc. are being installed.

2. Sniffer Dogs are being/have been deployed for checking of Coaches, Parcels, Baggage, station area and searching of any explosive.

3. Announcements over Public Address system as well as by Mega phones by Railway Protection Force is being done round the clock to alert the public in coaches.

4. Use of Hand Held Metal Detectors and Door Frame Metal Detectors to conduct anti-sabotage checks in trains and at stations.

5. Access control has been introduced in coordination with Government Railway Police.

6. Presence of Railway Protection Force/ Government Railway Police staff at sensitive stations have been augmented.

7. Communication system of Railway Protection Force has been improved by providing Mobile phones, walkie-talkies, Very High Frequency sets etc.

8. Bullet Proof Jackets/Helmets are being provided to Railway Protection Force for safeguard.

(d) Rupees 121,63,11,640/- to be spent on vetted and sanctioned proposals during 2007-08.